



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

September 3, 2008

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application to renew a Water Pollution Control Discharge Permit, NEV95016, from the following applicant:

Newmont Mining Corporation  
P.O. Box 669  
Carlin, Nevada 89822

The Applicant proposes to continue to discharge sewage and septage generated by the workforce at the South and North Operations Areas, a maximum of 40,000 gallons per day, to the Mill 5/6 and Mill 5/6 West Expansion Tailings Storage Facilities (TSF), located approximately six miles north of Carlin, Eureka County, Nevada.

Sewage and septage is combined with the Mill 5/6 tailings and the slurry is discharged to the Mill 5/6 TSF and/or the Mill 5/6 West Expansion TSF. Because the relatively small amount of sewage is thoroughly mixed with tailings and distributed around the TSF, there is limited potential for sewage to accumulate in concentrations that could pose a threat to human health. During maintenance and emergencies, the Applicant will be authorized to discharge directly to the Mill 5/6 TSF and/or the West Expansion TSF, or to discharge the tailings/sewage slurry to the James Creek TSF for limited periods of time.

On the basis of review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to re-issue a permit to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on October 6, 2008, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. October 6, 2008 will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted. All comments

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or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Janine Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at [jhartley@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:jhartley@ndep.nv.gov). This Notice and the Fact Sheet are available on the NDEP website at [www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm](http://www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm). The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.